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THE MINISTRY OF NATURE.

Selections from a poem read before the Associated Alumni, on Tuesday morning of Commencement week, by Rev. H. M. Tenney, of '73.

O, what is the need of the growing child,
When he thrills with the touch of time,
And life in his heart is a tangled wild
Like the wild of a tropic clime ?

O, what is the need but a guiding hand,
Hand of iron, with glove of wool,
And sanctioned words of stern command,
The way marked out with line and rule?

And what is the want of his manhood years,
When the pulses of life beat high,
When eyes are aflame or wet with tears
As the building hopes bloom or die.

Ah! what is the want but a friendly heart,
A communion so sweet and true,
That stingings of pain lose half their smart
And the hopes with the years are new.

When life is oe'rworn and the days are slow,
And the sun lieth low in the west
The shadows are dark and the chill winds blow.
And the heart crieth out for rest.

O, who but a prophet with far clear sight
And a voice of celestial cheer,
Can pierce thro' the shadows and star the night
And repel the uprising fear ?

The child's in the man and the man's in the child.
And they both feel the touch of years
And life in the world is a tangled wild,
And beyond is the land of tears.

But Teacher and Friend and Prophet of cheer
With the law communion and light.
The three are but one and everywhere near
By our side in the day or the night.

O, Nature, to thee hath the Father given,
With a ministry sweet and strong,
To make of the earth a dawning heaven
And to fill the world with song.

And he who doth yield to thy voice and hand
Shall be taught to discern the way
That leadeth out of the shadow land
To the realm of eternal day.

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O, Nature, friend, companion dear
We need to walk with thee,
The way is wild, our hearts are weak,
The end we cannot see,

But something in thy glowing face,
And in thy far off gaze,
Stirs all the soul with burning hope,
Fills all the heart with praise.

The strong, sweet music of thy voice,
The glory of thine eyes,
Are surely signs and signals all
Of one who prophesies.

I know not what the beauty means
That mantles all the earth,
Too fine and fair for needed use
Of any mortal birth,

I cannot sound the mystery
Of every budding spring,
Or read the truth the chrysalis
Unfolds with growing wing,

And all the glories of the deep
In which the world is hung,
The harmony of moving spheres,
The songs the sea hath sung,

Are mockeries of sight and sound
Unless beyond them lies,
Beyond, beneath, around, above,
Unseen of human eyes,

A realm of which the shadow is
The earth we touch and see,
A realm of which the substances
Are the reality.

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O, Brothers, when your faith is weak
To pierce the deepening gloom
That lies along the border land
Around the waiting tomb.

O, let the glory of the earth,
That meets our mortal sight,
Be prophecy of that which waits
Beyond the seeming night.

O, cherish, love obey the truth
You learn at Nature's feet,
And God for whom she ministers
Shall make the work complete.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

COMMENCEMENT 1879.

The seventy-ninth anniversary of Middlebury College was opened by the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sabbath morning, June 29th, by Pres. Hulbert. The unusual circumstance of a rain prevented many from attending. The audience however was moderately large. The President's

text was from Phil. i: 7-8. "But what things were given to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord." From this he went on to consider the Super-excellence of Christian Knowledge as seen in its nature, its object and its effects.

In the evening Rev. Charles VanNorden of St. Albans, delivered an address before the Philadelphian Socicty. The church was filled to overflowing and the audience very attentive. The subject was "The Living Cell and the Human Soul." The speaker affirmed there were two things in nature of surpassing interest, viz: the cell in which all vital life originated and expanded, and the human soul. The human soul, the cell or vital life and God the creator of both are the greatest facts in the universe. Upon the relations of these three facts the speaker spoke in an interesting manner for nearly an hour.

A most interesting feature of the day was the music discoursed by the Congregational choir.

On Monday evening, June ,30th, a large audience assembled at the church to hear the address before the Phi Beta Kappa by Hon. John Eaton, L. L. D., United States Commissioner of Education. Prof. E. Brainerd presided and introduced the speaker. Gen. Eaton spoke on "Scholarly Workers: their Spirit and Methods." He dwelt upon the fact that American civilization is a great stimulus to the assumption of responsibilities. Our youth cannot return now to a solitude so remote that they shall be influenced solely by the opinions and events of a single community. Nothing is really foreign to him. The speaker then went on to show that our scholarly workers must be imbued with the spirit of patient labor. He closed with congratulations to the college for its present prosperity and future promise.

On Tuesday morning, July 1st, came the annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Society at the College chapel, at which the following board of officers was elected: President, Prof. B. Kellogg, '58; Vice President, Col. L. E. Knapp, '62; Secretary, Prof. S. Albee, '51; Treasurer, Prof. E. Brainerd, '64. The following were admitted to membership: Hon. O. D. Scott, '68, of Texarkana, Ark., and E. R. Brainerd and H. W. Hulbert from the graduating class. The necessary arrangements were made to procure an orator for the next anniversary.

On Tuesday morning the preliminary meeting of the Associated Alumni took place at the College chapel, Vice-president, W. W. Winchester of Bridport, Vt., occupied the chair. After the reading of the minutes by the recording secretary, E. E. Smith, a committee was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year and were requested to report at the regular annual meeting of the Alumni, Wednesday morning. Prof. Albee, chairman of the committee on Necrology presented his report of Alumni deceased during the year. The meeting then adjourned until 8:30 A. M., Wednesday.

At 11:30 o'clock the procession formed in front of the Chapel under the charge of L. D. Eldredge, '57, marshal, and marched to the Congregational church, preceded by the Middlebury Brass Band discoursing appropriate music. Rev. W. W. Winchester '47, presided at the church. After music by the Orchestra, Rev. Dr. Hatfield, '29, of New York City gave the opening prayer. The president then introduced Rev. Truman M. Post, D. D., of the class of '29, as the orator. After a few very appropriate and interesting remarks Dr. Post introduced his theme, viz: "The Special Advantages of Smaller Colleges in Rural Districts." The following is a very rude sketch of the main tendency of the discourse.

I. Such small colleges tend to multiply centers of thought. They are peculiar vindicators of intellectual liberty. They are the vitalizers of our civilization. The speaker beautifully illustrated this thought by an illustration from ancient Greece.

II. Individualism is encouraged especially in

smaller institutions. This is the cause of the birth of all true manhood. Individualism builds, never pulls down. Certain limitations are necessary to bring out this individualism.

III. Small Colleges cause the immediate relation of the student and the teachers. A teacher is more than a book.

IV. The relation of our College with the village is a favorable aspect. Through these relations the college roots down into its tradition.

V. The cheapness of the cost of education in small colleges is frequently mentioned. This is no inferior argument, but now we are looking at the value rather than cost of education.

VI. Vermont is furnishing the best associations for a college. Vermont is a grand preparatory school. Vermont needs a college as a priest and interpreter of her natural beauty and her wonderful history.

VII. Middlebury College challenges favor from her own history. The reaction from the crowded cities will soon take place and we need not fear for her future.

The speaker closed with a few appropriate remarks alluding to the final re-union the semi-centennial of his class, four of whom were present.

The Alumni Poem was then delivered by Rev. H. M. Tenney, '73, extracts from which will be found on the first page of this issue.

According to the usual custom, the orator and poet then proposed the names of the following persons, who were elected honorary members of the Associated Alumni: Truman A. Post, of St. Louis, and Dr. F. P. Harrison of Wallingford, Conn.

After the exercises at the church were ended, the Alumni led by the Middlebury Brass Band proceeded to the Addison House where they were served to a sumptuous repast prepared by mine host Rider. After doing full justice to their sharpened appetites, several hours were very happily occupied in making after-dinner speeches. Stephen A. Walker, of New York, was master of ceremonies and presided with his usual grace and dignity. One feature that added much interest to the occasion was the presence of five members of the class of '29. Considerable time was occupied by these old veterans in recalling pleasant reminiscences and talking of the "long ago."

Daniel Robert of Burlington, the youngest of the five, is sixty-eight years old. He read an interesting paper, in which he paid a very appropriate tribute to the deceased members of the class. The others followed with remarks well suited to the occasion. After the class of '29 others of the alumni present were heard from among whom Gov. Stewart, in response to the sentiment "Vermont." Judge Dunton responded to the "Law," but wandering somewhat from the sentiment spoke warmly in defense of his Alma Mater as also did Gov. Stewart. Prof. Higley responded in behalf of the faculty, after, the valedictory was given to Dr. Post of St. Louis, who spoke in a very affecting manner bringing tears to the eyes of nearly all present. The exercises were of unusual interest and the occasion will be long remembered by those present.

The Parkerian prize speaking took place Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The programme was as follows:

Music.

FRESHMAN CLASS.

Scottish Covenanters.....Anonymous
J. E. Buttolph, Middlebury.

Fair Play for Woman.....Geo. Wm. Curtis
H. E. Howard, Concord.

Music.

Regulus to the Roman Senate..... Epes Sargent
C. G. Levenworth, Randolph.

Fanatics of the War.....Geo. Wm. Curtis
C. B. Ross, Poultney.

Music.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

Harpers Ferry.....Wendell Phillips
J. L. Barton, New Haven.

William Lloyd Garrison.....Wendell Phillips
H. O. Cady, Middlebury, Vt.

Music

A Free Press..... .....Victor Hugo
F. S. June, Brandon.

Public Opinion..... .....Wendell Phillips
E. M. Parker, Middlebury.

In the Freshman Class the first prize was awarded to C. B. Ross; second prize, to J. E. Buttolph.

In the Sophomore Class the first prize was awarded to E. M. Parker; second prize to J. L. Barton.

The committee appointed to award the prizes were Daniel Roberts, C. T. Hulburd and Dr. J. D. Wickham.

At 8:30 a. m., Wednesday, the associated alumni held their regular annual meeting. It was called to order by Rev. W. W. Winchester. The minutes were read and approved, and the report of the nominating committee read and accepted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. W. W. Winchester, '47.
Vice-Presidents—Rev. S. Knowlton, '57; A. F. Walker, '62; E. B. Sherman, '70; Geo. S. Swift, '39.
Recording Secretary—E. E. Smith, '71.
Corresponding Secretary—R. Wainwright, '52.
Treasurer—Prof. W. H. Parker, '30.
Central Committee—L. D. Eldredge, '57; J. M. Slade. '67; R. M. Bailey, '74.

Prof. Kellogg presented a report in the form of a series of resolutions securing to the associated alumni the right to fill every alternate vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The resolutions were adopted. In accordance with the resolution a committee of five were appointed to select names suitable to fill such vacancies. The following were selected to act as such committee: Prof. B. Kellogg, '58; Hon. J. W. Stewart, '46; Prof. E. H. Higley, '68; Col. L. E. Knapp, '62; Hon. J. M. Slade, '67. Adjourned.

After the Alumni meeting, the procession was formed in front of the College chapel, the order of procession as follows: Middlebury Brass Band, undergraduates, alumni and corporation. Proceeding to the Congregational church the following programme was carried out:

Music.

Prayer.

Music.

1. SALUTATORY, - H. W. Hulbert, Middlebury.
2. Oration.—How Shall We Develope a Good Character? - J. W. Chapman, Middlebury.

Music.

3. Oration.—The Power of the Suggestive, H. W. Hulbert, Middlebury.
4. Oration.—The Dignity of the Physician's Calling, F. E. Whipple, Danby.

Music.

5. Philosophical Oration.—The Abuse of Speculative Thought, E. H. Farnsworth, Concord, N. H.
6. VALEDICTORY and Oration.—England's Debt to Chaucer, - E. R. Brainerd, St. Albans.

Music.

MASTER'S ORATION, J. W. Abernethy, Middlebury.

Music.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

Prayer.

Benediction.

The music was furnished by Blaisdell's Sextette Club of Concord, N. H., and the organization fully sustained the enviable reputation which it has established in this place.

The Master's Oration deserves special mention. It possessed the merit of being a scholarly and at the same time an exceedingly practical production. It commanded the close attention of the audience and well deserved the liberal applause with which it was received.

The degree of A. M. in the course was conferred on the following members of the class of '76; W. I. Brown, C. G. Farwell, J. W. Abernethy, W. R. Remele, H. P. James, W. S. Austin, and C. E. Blake of '73. The honorary degree of A. M. was conferred upon Hon. Joseph Battell of Middlebury, Hon. Loveland Munson af Manchester, Vt., and Hon. J. M. Tyler, M. C., Brattleboro, Vt. The degree of L. L. D., was conferred upon Hon. Daniel Roberts of Burlington, Vt. The degree of D. D., was conferred upon Rev. J. G. Johnson of Rutland, Vt.

After the exercises at the church the company repaired to the Addison House, where a fine dinner was served. After all had done full justice to the dinner, speeches were in order, and contributed much to the enjoyment of the occasion, while the hearty laugh occasionally elicited was no detriment to digestion. "Dr." Roberts was called upon, and responded in a happy way,

thanking the institution for the honor conferred, though he should always remain, as heretofore, "plain Dan Roberts." Dr. Allen and Judge Dunton, of Rutland, refused to respond after what had been said. Dr, Post made an admirable speech, as he always does. Judge Walker responded as the "Rabbi" of old college days. Dr. Johnson, of Rutland, and Prof. Means, on Finance and Professorships; A. E. Leavenworth, of Randolph, and H. M. Tenney, the poet, and others, all expressed interest in the college and hope for its future. Judge Dunton called for Mr. W. J. Fish, '78, of Beeman Academy, as representing the younger Alumni, who spoke in an entertaining manner of the dignity of the college. An adjournment then took place, to adjourned alumni and corporation meetings.

On Wednesday evening at the Congregational church was given the annual concert by the Senior class. The music consisted of The Temple Quartette of Boston (Fitz, Fessenden, Cook and Ryder) and Blaisdell's Sextette Club of Concord, N. H. The house was well filled with an enthusiastic audience. Encores were frequent and prolonged. Prof. Higley presided with grace at the piano for the solos.

At the close of the concert the audience adjourned to the President's levee. The rooms of the President's house were crowded through the remainder of the evening, and one of the pleasantest re-unions of Commencement week was enjoyed. The Levee was followed by the Promenade Concert in Academy Hall, where some thirty gentlemen with their ladies, under the inspiration Blaisdell's Orchestra meted out the small hours to their utmost satisfaction.

Thursday was the general parting day and our accommodating station agent and baggage master had their hands full.

Commencment Notes.

A cool Commencement!

No Ware medal this year.

The Corporation requested Prof. S. Albee to withdraw his resignation as Professor of Latin.

Rev. Mr. Hicks of Woodstock, Vt., and Prof. Deering of Essex, Vt., were the examining committee this year.

The following are the Undergraduate editors for the coming year: Dorr, Meldon, Cady and H. M. Parker of '80, E. M. Parker, Murkland and Barton '81. No Editor-in-chief yet elected.

Prof. Powell was again the "Blutcher" who came to the aid of the "bhoys" during annuals, with his luxurons lemonade and they came off like Wellingtons. "May your useful and generous life be lengthened," is the universal sentiment to which all cannot fail to respond who know the kind old gentleman, and especially those who have received so many favors at his hands.

PERSONALS.

'23. The Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Tilden, residing on Franklin street the past six years, celebrated the fiftieth anniversrry of their marriage, recently, and there were present at their home a goodly numeer of friends from abroad, together with those residing in this vicinity. It was an occasion of warm congratulations and unalloyed happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Tilden and those who honored them; they were recipients of numerous gifts and tokens of love and friendship, and the parting guests and other friends were invited to partake of wedding cake and other refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Tilden were married at Middlebury, Vt., at the college in which place the reverend gentleman graduated. He was many years pastor of the Congregational church in Rutland, resigning a few years ago on account of failing health. Honored and respected by all who know them, loved by the members of their household and by relatives, and friends widely scattered, their declining years are calm, peaceful, and without a shadow. We hope length of days may be given, that they may enjoy the happiness that comes with the consciousness of having endeavored to faithfully discharge all the duties of life.—*Nashua (N. H.) Telegraph.*

'29. The re-union of '29 brought a full representation of that class. Dr. Truman M. Post, the Alumni Orator; Hon. Daniel Roberts of Burlington, who received at this Commencement a L. L. D.; Hon. C. T. Hulburd of New York;

Rev. G. C. V. Eastman of New Brunswick; and Dr. E. F. Hatfield of New York City were present.

'32. Rev. Robert F. Lawrence resides at Malden, Mass.

'37. Rev. John Adams died in Hillsboro Centre, N. H., May 20, 1879. He was born in Salem, Mass., in 1812.

'38. Prof. W. F. Bascom is in town through commencement.

'42. Milo D. Cooke, an attorney at law, of Galesburg, Ill., brother of Judge Cooke, of this place, was the recipient of many congratulations and presents on the event of his sixtieth birthday, which occurred June 4th.

'49. Rev. O. W. Winchester, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, is in town through commencement.

'58. Hon. C. S. Colburn, Prof. B. Kellogg, Stephen A. Walker, William H. Walker, were present at commencement.

'59. Rev. M. L. Severance was present at commencement.

'59. Prof. W. R. Shipman, of Tuft's College, gave an address at Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vt, June 22d.

'62. The Judges of Probate of Vermont met in convention at the probate court room at Burlington, Thursday, June 12th. L. E. Knapp, of Middlebury, was chosen secretary.

'65. Hon. D. J. Newland is a successful lawyer at 54 William street, New York.

'68. George G. Ellis is a successful lawyer at 119 Broadway, New York.

'68. O. D. Scott, of Texakana, Ark., was in town through commencement.

'69. Mr. Fred. D. Mussey has resigned the city editorship of the *Times*, to return to his old field as correspondent of the *Commercial*. In industry and general competency Mr. Mussey has few superiors in any department of newspaper work, but shines especially as a "Free Lance," and in that capacity will doubtless add to his already brilliant record. The best wishes of the community in general, and of his confreres in particular, follow Fred. in his new departure.—*Cincinnati Times.*

'69. E. W. Howe is a successful engineer, and may be found at the City Hall, Boston.

'70. E. S. Wellington, of Nashville, Tenn., is in town through commencement.

'71. Rev. H. C. Robbins, of Colchester, Vt., Prof. C. W. Hall, of the University of Minnesota, and E. J. Davenport, of Minnesota, were in town through commencement.

'76. H. P. James, E. H. Baxter, W. I. Brown. W. J. Abernethy, C. G. Farwell, W. A. Remele, G. B. Willard, were present through Commencement.

'76. We take the following flattering notice of Stanley R. Kitchel, formerly of '76, from the *Tribune* published at Minneapolis, Minn:

"Mr. Stanley R. Kitchell, for some time in the the office of Woods & Babcock, and who was admitted to the bar with honor to himself about a year ago, is to hang out his shingle at No. 10 Johnston's Block to-morrow, and will commence the practice of law upon his own responsibility. Mr. Kitchell is well and favorably known in this city, and it will be strange if his abilities and his high personal character and strict integrity does not find recogniton in the business community."

'76. The Black River and St. Lawrence Association met at Bangor, N. Y., June 17th and 18th. Rev. E. C. Evans, of Norwood, read a paper on "Tests of Spiritual Life in the Church."

'77. C. B. Moody, C. B. Warner. W. I. Twitchell, J. M. Gifford, J. McD. Mulchahey, were present at Commencement.

'77. W. I. Twitchell does not return to Warren, Mass., next year.

'77. J. R. Newell is lecturing in Cedarville, Kansas.

'78. E. E. Rogers, W. J. Fish, F. Hamilton, J. C. Stapleton, were at Commencement.

'78. J. W. Flagg, who has taught at Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vt., through the year, enters the Theological Seminary next year.

'78. W. H. Shaw, who has been teaching at Mechanicsville, New York, through the past year, has been secured at Bennington Centre as associate principal of the Mt. Anthony Seminary.

'81. H. O. Cady starts on Tuesday for Aurora, Illinois, to teach with his brother in Jennings' Seminary for a year or so.

'79. The present prospects of '79 are as follows: E. R. Brainerd will teach school next year or enter the Seminary; H. W. Hulbert will enter the Theological Seminary as soon as his health will permit; E. H. Farnsworth and J. W. Chapman will teach; F. E. Whipple will study medicine at home, Danby, Vt., with his father.

'81. Frank R. Utley, principal of Wallingford High School, has been in town through Commencement.

'82. Geo. M. Rowland is just recovered from a slight attack of measles.

'82. Frank H. Warner, formerly of '81, enters '82 the coming autumn.

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